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PORTLAND HAD A BIG FISH DAY

The gill netters did not have a look-in with Monday's arrivals in the fish trade and the large schooners of the local fleet brought in the largest amount of fares taken out here for some time. The Lochinvar, Captain Toothaker, after being out on the banks for a week or so, arrived with a fare of 24,000 pounds. The Topsail Girl and the Eleanor, two more of the large ones, brought in good fares also, the former having 20,000, while the latter had about 18,000. The schooner Fanny Reed had 10,000, while the sloops came in after their first venture out on the banks for a week or more. They were the Bernie and Bessie with 6000, the Hattie and Elizabeth with 12,000, the Minerva with 5000 and the Herald with 1500.

Capt. McIntyre will not fish in the steamer Elthier any more this year. The steamer has been taken by the Cold Storage Co., and will be used as a seiner. Captain McIntyre has been in the Elthier only during the past winter, and will continue his fishing in the small steamer Mustado, which has been laying up at the wharf idle during the past winter. Captain McIntyre will set out for the banks immediately upon receiving his papers.

It remained for a gill netter to bring in the largest fare of fish Friday and the steamer Mary F. Ruth was the vessel to do it, having about 7000 pounds on board, which was taken out at the Portland Fresh Fish Co. Three schooners came in Friday, the Helen Thomas with 5000, the Albert Willard with the same amount and the A. B. Parkhurst with about 4000. The gill netters in outside of the Mary F. Ruth were the Geisha, Mystery and R. J. Killich, with a total amount of about 15,000 pounds and the Elthier with 3000.

A 12 YEAR OLD GILL-NETTER

Lewis Denot, a 12-year-old lad, is probably the youngest gill net fisherman out of this port. With his brother Frank, they are engaged in gill netting, having secured a small gill net and dory with which they fish each day.

Ice Held Him Off.

Capt. Gus Dunskey of sch. Volant, who left here April 18 on a fresh halibut trip, was in Canso, N. S., yesterday and in a telegram to the Gorton-Pew company the owners said that he was unable to proceed further because of ice in Canso and around the Magdalens.

PRETTY SLACK IN FISH LINE

Few Gill Netters Landed Here Yesterday Afternoon— Nothing Doing Today.

The only arrivals since yesterday here were the gill netters, the steamers landing 35,000 pounds in all. The high liners were the Quoddy, Enterprise, and Little Fannie.

No off shore crafts were reported up to noon.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Str. Ibsen, gill netting, 1100 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Alice, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 3700 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Hugo, gill netting, 650 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Robert and Edwin, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mary L., gill netting, 725 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Bethulia, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Dolphin, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Little Fannie, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Water Witch, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Sunflower, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Anna T., gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Julia May, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. George E. Fisher, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Orion, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Gertrude T., gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Bessie A., gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Medomak, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Actor, shore.

Sch. Hortense, south bluefishing.

Vessels Sailed.

Steamer Spray, haddocking.

Sch. Conqueror, shacking.

Sch. Mystery, halibuting.

Sch. Georgia, halibuting.

Sch. Cavalier, halibuting.

Sch. Lucinda I. Lowell, drifting.

Sch. Gladys and Nellie, Boston.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4; snappers, \$3.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$5; medium, \$4.50.

Georges halibut, codfish, large, \$5.50; mediums, \$4.50.

Cusk, large, \$2.50; mediums, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.

Haddock, \$2.00.

Hake, \$1.15.

Pollock, \$1.75.

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.

Cod, large, \$2.25; medium, \$1.85; snappers, 75c.

All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.

Hake, \$1.10.

Cusk, large, \$1.75; medium, \$1.25; snappers, 50c.

Pollock, 90c.

Fresh halibut, 18c per lb. for white, and 11c for gray.

LITTLE BETTER PRICES TODAY

Fares at New Pier Not Large and Demand Seems to Be Improved.

Prices at Boston were a little better this morning, about normal for this time of the year. The total arrivals since yesterday were 10 fleet of sail and a gill netter.

Sch. Aspinet has a 70,000 pound fare, it being the largest trip at the new fish pier.

Wholesalers paid \$2.50 to \$3.50 per hundred weight for haddock, \$2.50 to \$2.75 for large and \$1.50 to \$2 for market cod, \$1 to \$2.50 for hake, \$1.75 for pollock and \$1.50 for cusk.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Aspinet, 25,000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 4000 hake, 30,000 cusk.

Sch. Lillian 100 haddock 300 cod.

Sch. Frances S. Grueby, 28,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Pearl, 2000 cod.

Sch. Annie Perry, 15,000 haddock, 21,000 cod.

Sch. Delphina Cabral, 18,000 haddock, 16,000 cod.

Sch. Waltham, 7500 haddock, 4000 cod.

Sch. Edith Silveria, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake, 2000 cusk.

Sch. Esther Gray, 8500 cod.

Str. Naomi Bruce, 4000 haddock.

Sch. Olivia Sears, 4000 cod.

Haddock, \$2.50 to \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.50 to \$2.75; market cod, \$1.50 to \$2; hake, \$1 to \$2.50; pollock, \$1.75; cusk, \$1.50.

Cod Stock Is Shrinking.

The balance of last year's stock of dry codfish is slowly shrinking, and there is no more to come in from the outports, clean stores will be in order long before any new goods are available, says the St. John's, N. F., Trade Review. Considering the extremely high price to the consumers, the Newfoundland fish now held in Southern Europe is going out very well, and all will be disposed of at paying figures if not unduly pressed on the consumer. In view of the large Norwegian catch this winter, it is a good thing for us that they are carrying over so small a stock, and also, that we will have more to dispose of when our fish is ready for market.

SEAL CATCH OF NEWFOUNDLAND

The seal fishery is about ended for the season and the catch has been fairly good. The Trade Review. The number of seals will reach 230,000, and these are much above the average weight, the voyage may be called 260,000. If the ill-fated Southern Cross had reached port, the total figure would have been about 280,000. In addition to seals caught by the steamers, a good many more than usual were hauled ashore by the men of White Bay and French Shore. The exact figures of shore catch are not yet to hand, but, from what one can glean, that catch will be in the region of ten thousand seals.

Catch in Detail.

We give herewith the catches already discharged:

Beothic 28,141 Terra Nova 24,536 Stephano 22,210; Erik 19,077; Nascope 18,151; Florizel 17,643; Bellaventure 13,460 Adventure 12,176; Bonaventure 10,760; Viking 10,599; Bloodhound 8,323; Seal 5,987; Ranger 1,585; Newfoundland 538; Eagle 8,263; Sagona 11,045; Fogota 2,936; Neptune (reported) 12,000; Diana (reported) 2,700. Total 230,120.

Lockeport Fishing News.

The weather was bad for fishing last week, and the catch fell. The weather is poor for lobster fishermen and it is all blamed on the lobster being scarce. The Ohio reports 15,000 pounds fish. The total of fish landed from 14th to 18th April was 61,103 pounds mixed fresh fish. No halibut. The list of vessels: R. L. McKenzie 7000 pounds mixed fresh fish; Lylda May, 7000 pounds mixed fresh fish; Togo, 5825 pounds mixed fish; Valmore, 1000 pounds mixed fish; Optiza, 2,000 pounds mixed fish; Oliver, 800 pounds mixed fish; Roseway, 8000 pounds mixed fresh fish; Gladiator, 2200 pounds fresh fish; Blanchard C., 20,000 pounds mixed fish; Olive R., 800 Belle, 1700 pounds mixed fresh fish; Lois H., 1975 pounds mixed fresh fish; Samoset, 600 pounds mixed fresh fish; Julie Opp, 3000 pounds mixed fresh fish.

To Study Water of Grand Bank.

The Bureau of Fisheries has appointed Watson Nightingale, of the Department of Biology of Massachusetts, to study the microscopic plants and animal life on the Grand Banks and on the coast of Labrador, and also the temperature and depth of the water, the salt concern, etc., in relation to fish life. The work will be thorough and the results published in the records of the Bureau of Fisheries.

Ashore and Floated.

According to advices received here the Boston sch. Francis J. O'Hara Jr., Capt. David Keatins, one of the shacking fleet, went ashore at Canso, N. S., but was gotten off again and has proceeded to Halifax to effect repairs.

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SAYS FISHERIES ARE IN JEOPARDY

In an editorial Saturday under the caption, "Fisheries In Jeopardy," the Boston Transcript says:

"It is two months, if not three, since the investigators of the otter trawl entered their report with the Department of Commerce. The finding on that report has been awaited for several weeks, and on it hang the futures of most of our existing fishing vessels. The study of the steam trawling industry occupied more than a year. The Government investigators made repeated trips in the steamers, presumably accompanying them under all weather and season conditions under which fish would be taken in an otter trawl. These investigators were chosen with considerable care, in order that they might be acceptable to the company which owns the fishing steamers as well as to the Government.

"It is probable that the sense of the report and the action which the Government does or does not take relative to it will have considerable weight with similar action by our neighbors to the north. We have received virtual assurance that the use of this destructive fishing gear will be prohibited in Canada and Newfoundland if the United States Government will join in this form of protection of that inexhaustible harvest of the North Atlantic fisheries—inexhaustible so long as they are fished in the present economical way, but by no means inexhaustible if a gear is permitted which rakes and scrapes the seabottom, destroying the young fish and the very feeding grounds which allure the fish to places where they can be caught.

"Meanwhile, the uncertainty has blighted many spots in the existing fishing industry. The vessels which have been lost or sold have not been replaced in the shipyards of Gloucester and Essex, for until the committee reports it cannot be known whether the result of that report will not boom the whole of the wooden sailing fleet to extinction. Also, numbers of the more energetic and far-sighted captains and crew are, scenting insupportable competition from the steamers, departing to go to the Pacific coast, or leaving the industry altogether. Needless to say, those who are doing this are precisely the type of citizen which not only the industry but the community itself can least afford to lose."

One Banker at Magdalen.

Queensport, April 27.—About six hundred herring to a boat today, no ice.

Amherst Harbor, April 27.—Loose ice around island yet, half of Pleasant Bay and Amherst Harbor frozen, ice gone from Sandy Hook, Head of Havre-aux-Lapins, one American banker in this morning, no bait reported.

Souris, P. E. I., April 27.—North coast and East Point, heavy ice, Souris and eastern coast, no ice; very few herring in nets.

TRIO OF BIG TRIPS AT FULTON DOCK

Capt. Matheson Has His Second Fare of Season—Capt. Reuben Cameron and Capt. John Seavy Also Score—Prices Good, Sales Slow.

Good and most encouraging mackerel news was received by the Times from New York this morning in the announcement that three more of the seiners are at Fulton Dock with dandy fares of fresh mackerel, aggregating a total of 63,000 of mixed fish.

After several days of patient and eager waiting, the fleet have landed upon the schools again. Among the crafts in is sch. Saladin, Capt. John Matheson, with his second fare, his haul being for 25,000 fish, the largest of the three trips.

The arrivals in detail are:
Sch. Saladin, Capt. John Matheson, 25,000 mixed fresh mackerel.

Sch. Monarch, Capt. John Seavy, 18,000 mixed fresh mackerel.

Sch. Marguerite Haskins, Capt. Reuben Cameron, 20,000 mixed fresh mackerel.

The fish were taken in latitude 38.30 in 30 fathoms of water, to the southward of Delaware breakwater, which would indicate that the mackerel are making the way up the coast. The Haskins left New York only two days ago, and must have landed on fish right away after going out.

According to the Times' dispatch, the fares are of mixed fish. The small fish are a trifle larger than those landed at New York a week ago today. All three crafts were on the same grounds.

Later advices state that large fresh mackerel sold at 35 cents, mediums at 18 cents and tinkers at 7 cents each. Sales, however, were reported slow.

The news of the arrivals of the three crafts was delightfully learned here and with good weather, some more big catches are looked for.

The first mackerel of the season at Chatham were taken by the traps there this morning, there being a few scattered fish.

SAYS WE ARE NOW SUPPLICANTS

Says the St. John's, N. F., Herald editorially:

The American fishing interests are striving hard, according to recent press despatches, to secure some concessions from Canada and Newfoundland in the way of free access to bait and outfitting privileges. Delegations have been to Washington, the Canadian authorities have been approached, and our own Premier was also made the recipient of representations from American sources when in Boston, New York and Washington. The tune of the Gloucester men is certainly changed from what it was a few days ago, because then they were bent on preserving their monopoly, and would agree to no reciprocal proposals whatever, but now that their claims have been ignored by their own Government and their monopoly has been destroyed, they want favorable treatment from this country and the neighboring Dominion.

SAFE IN HANDS OF SIR EDWARD

Under the caption, "U. S. Reciprocity," in which the recent interview between the British ambassador at Washington, and Congressman Gardner, is quoted, the St. John's, N. F., Trade Review says:

Reading between the lines of the above, it will be perceived that the initial step for a rearrangement of the regulations of tariff between this country and the United States, was taken by the Gloucester interests, and not by us. Heretofore, we were always the supplicants in this matter, now the boot is on the other foot. The tariff concessions at present vouchsafed us, are in spite of, instead of with the consent of Gloucester, and we are in a position at present to move slowly and with utmost caution. While it is highly desirable that our skinned and boned fish should be placed in the same category as ordinary salt cod, we are perfectly sure that the matter may be safely left in the hands of Sir Edward Morris and his capable government.

HE REMINISCES OF DAYS IN "BAY"

Eben L. Thomas of Ipswich Tells When He Sailed In Gold Hunter.

Eben L. Thomas of Ipswich, formerly of this city, writes interestingly of some facts of the fisheries of years ago which have been recalled to his mind by the recent article by Capt. Sylvanus Smith on his last year in the bay.

The letter follows:

To the Editor of the Times:—I have some copies of the Times sent me a few days ago and I found in one of them a very interesting account by Capt. Smith of his last year in the bay in the "Kit Carson." It carried my mind back to long years ago when I sailed out of Gloucester for the bay. My first trip was in 1852 in the new schooner "Gold Hunter," Capt. Timothy McIntire. That was the year that the Julia Franklin, Capt. Frank Low was new and could beat any vessel in the bay.

In 1865 Capt. Smith and Capt. Joseph Rowe went into the fishing business at Rowe square. William Jordan was clerk.

George Robinson in the Col. D. S. worth in five months stocked \$13,728. Horace Merry in the Kit Carson in ten weeks stocked \$6,542. Lewis Wagner was one of the crew of the Col. Elsworth that year and William Noble and Joseph Ingals and myself were three of the crew. Any of the old-time fishermen who have the second edition, printed in 1873, will find the Elsworth big stock on page 86.

EBEN L. THOMAS.

Ipswich.

Back at the Old Stand.

Capt. Charles O'Brien, boarding officer at the local Custom House, who has been on duty at Boston for the past week with the launch Dreamer, has returned with his launch to this port.

Home From Mobile.

Sch. Hortense which has been blue-fishing in the south all winter has returned.

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